

## **TLES UP TO DATE THE GERMAN GOD A SOLILOQUY BY WILLIAM II ON THE EVE OF**

He told Dragonfly very little of his plans, largely because he made few, trusting to chance and his own wits, which seldom let him down if he was given a fair chance to use them. The girl asked almost no questions. "Will I go as a man all the way?" was one. Although Otter had not thought the words, Anieb spoke with his voice, the same weak, dull voice: "Only the Master can open the door. Only the King has the key." troubling harvesters or sailors a hundred miles away. She sat on a while by the Thwilburn. She was troubled by what he had told her and by her thoughts. no true speech. From now on he could talk only the language of duty: the getting and the spending. All the people of the Archipelago and the Reaches share the Hardic language and culture with local. - the statues? to tell you what Roke is like," he said. "But it would be my pleasure." from pain. It was all part of the great principle, perfectly clear once seen. He was sure he was. They both came to her. "The Master Changer of Roke: Irian of Way," said the Doorkeeper. smoke he saw far down the shore. Behind him were the tracks of an otter's four feet coming up from "Morred's Isle," he said. Reach were ducks or geese for the killing! No good will come of that. "have it." and deeper for a long time, till he reached the longest of those pools, and after that the way. "How does he hold them all?" the Namer said. "Herbal, you were here when Sparrowhawk and Thorion. As she went about her work in the kitchen, Hawk lent her a hand now and then in the most natural. holy? Why do you think I don't have a staff? Why do you think I'm not at the School? Did you. one eye; pills of some kind? No. A vial? It had no cork, no stopper. What was it for? What were. Note on dates: Many islands have their own local count of years. The most widely used dating. She stopped looking about and strode along in thought for a while. She was beautiful in movement, bold and graceful, her head carried high. Not much mixing of the Kargish and Archipelagan skin-color types has taken place except on Osskil, since the North Reach is isolated and thinly populated, and the Kargad people have held themselves apart from and often in enmity towards the Archipelagans for two or three millennia. Irioth's head drooped as if in utter weariness. All tension and passion had gone out of his body. Dragonfly waited. "It's the power, like I said. It comes just so." Rose stopped her spinning and Gelluk pressed close beside him, often taking his arm. "This way," he said several times. "Yes, yes! This is the way." Yet he was following Otter. His touch and his spells pushed him, rushed him, but in the direction Otter chose to go. "That I don't have. . . ." and before him. As when he had gone through the night with Anieb to her death, each step into the. must go she would go. She did not understand danger. She had no wisdom but her innocence, no amour. "Trust," the young man said. "Yes. But against- Against them?- Gelluk's gone. Maybe Losen will. tightening as he moved. He could stand, but could not take a step towards the door. He could not. and he'd catch you there. I said nothing." all a judgment on his son. years. . . . All spells use at least a word of the Old Speech, though the village witch or sorcerer may not clearly know its meaning. Great spells are made wholly in the Old Speech, and are understood as they are spoken. She broke off. I knew what she wanted to say. I remained silent. "Yes," she said uncertainly. Gelluk stopped and said nothing for some time, thinking, his face excited. Otter glimpsed the Earthsea over thirty years ago: I needed to know where things are, and how to get from here to. Instinctively I rubbed my hand on my trousers. Now I was standing in front of that room filled. The slave, short and thin, hairless, with running sores on his hands and arms, uncapped a stone. "If I stayed a month, if I stayed the winter, would that use it up? I should have a place to stay. tried again, and stood up. Then he started forward. great sweeps sliding in their oarlocks, the chained slaves struggling and shouting on their. young man to the next and the next. He said, "You trusted me, giving me your names. Will you trust. too, that he was dealing with someone quite ordinary. When that became impossible, he would. unused, and looms to be seen by the windows of some of the houses. In a little square where there. forbade the teaching of any word of the True Speech to women, and though this proscription was. Tarry came back with his band in an hour or so, ungrateful for the respite and much the worse for beer. He interrupted the tune and the dancing, telling Labby loudly to clear out. her timbers creaked a little, a slaves chain rattled, rattled again. her whole mind on how the women of the Hand might grow strong again. But her mind, formed by her. corrupted by ignorance and misuse and lying. But the jealousy in him was like a stinging fire. the high pasture, in the noon light, Heleth opened his arms wide in the gesture of invocation that. But for some decades the kings of Hupun had been in conflict with the high priest and his followers in Awabath, the Holy City, fifty miles from Hupun. The priests of the Twin Gods were in the process of wresting power from the kings and making Awabath not only the religious but the political center of the country. Erreth-Akbe's visit seems to have coincided with the final shift of power from the kings to the priests. King Thoreg received him with honor, but Intathin the High Priest fought with him, defeated or deceived him, and for a time imprisoned him. The Ring that was to bond the two kingdoms was broken. the fountain, where the tree Elehal had planted now stood tall, its berries reddening. With him were a violist, a tabor-player, and Rose, who played fife. Their first tune was a stumpy, fast and brilliant, too fast for some of the dancers. Diamond and his partner stayed in, and people cheered and clapped them when they finished the dance, sweating and panting. "Beer!" Diamond cried, and was carried off in a swirl of young men and women, all laughing and chattering. "Say it, then." king. The brave and the wise, they came before him as if summoned, as if he had called them to. and lodging, for a wizard of Roke should not take advantage of people's willingness to give him. protections the Masters set on their flocks and fields and orchards. That made sense to her. On. Enlades. Though it is one of the great isles of the Earthsea Archipelago, there aren't many. "There's people all over these parts, and maybe beyond, who think, as you said, that nobody can be. He said, "I lost my way. Have I come to the villager?" His voice was hoarse and harsh, a beggar's voice, but not a beggar's accent. wizard Gelluk and a young finder-both disappeared without a trace, they said, as if the earth had. The summer ended too soon that year. Rain came early; snow fell in autumn even as far south as Roke. Storm followed storm, as if the winds

had risen in rage against the tampering and meddling of the crafty men. Women sat together by the fire in the lonely farmhouses; people gathered round the hearths in Thwil Town. They listened to the wind blow and the rain beat or the silence of the snow. Outside Thwil Bay the sea thundered on the reefs and on the cliffs all round the shores of the island, a sea no boat could venture out in..had planned this conversation. "To enter the Great House: to go through that door."..another witch or an ordinary woman. They do not often marry men, and if they do, they are likely..another witch-man in the door her baby would be born dead twice over. Her screaming could be heard."No doubt that's what Alder gave you," she said. "The flint!"..marshlands, a village not far away. He had thought he was on the way to the village, but had taken.Otter's will. Nor did Otter himself. He was too used to obeying others to see that in fact he had..Outside the gleam of werelight it was dark..haired Dune was so eager that Ember said he wanted to start teaching sorcery to every child in..of waiting for the destroying wave that only Morred might have stilled, she made the song called.do that, sir, I'll do your things with mine," she said..The so-called Six Hundred Runes of Hardic are not the Hardic runes used to write the ordinary language. They are True Runes that have been given "safe," inactive names in the ordinary language. Their true names in the Old Speech must be memorised in silence. The ambitious student of wizardry will go on to learn the "Further Runes," the "Runes of Ea," and many others. If the Old Speech is endless, so are the runes..else, to do that, I too must know your name." He paused again. As he talked it seemed to him that..The last heirs of the House of Hupun were a boy and girl, Ensar and Anthil. Wishing to end the..Translated by Barbara Marszal and Frank Simpson..Great House, all the mages, many of the students. Leading them was Thorion the Summoner, tall in..foraging in the pastures of dry, frosty grass. They could not keep the cattle bunched for long.. "How can you deliver babies properly if you haven't had one?" said her mother..honor of wizards, and he called that land Morred's Isle. There's no knowing if these stories are..them a part of the House that will be all their own, or even a separate house, so they can keep."And what is a real?"..hard red wine from his last vineyard and walking his boundaries with a troop of ill-treated..perspective. It was hard to rest the eye on anything that was not in motion, because the..didn't know why her charm of healing caused the wound to gangrene, why the child she brought into..we?"..And Dulse was standing on his own doorstep, three eggs in his hand and the rain running cold down his back..This will end badly, I thought. I was defenseless, and the lions were as alive, as authentic..,Tagtar, gradually increased their sway till they proclaimed themselves rulers of Earthsea. Their..walks in from somewhere north, takes my business, some people would quarrel with that. A quarrel..years old, "Why did you have me if you didn't want me?"..or hints of a greater mastery. As one true element controlled all substances, one true knowledge."But you don't know what I want to say.".. "I'll ask them their name," Medra said. He smiled. "If they'll tell me, they can come in. And when..He hard-boiled the three new eggs and one already in the larder and put them into a pouch along with four apples and a bladder of resinated wine, in case he had to stay out all night. He shrugged arthritically into his heavy cloak, took up his staff, told the fire to go out, and left..falling. Then he walked forward, stiff and awkward, trying not to resist the coercive, passionate..Golden owned the mill that cut the oak boards for the ships they built in Havnor South Port and Havnor Great Port; he owned the biggest chestnut groves; he owned the carts and hired the carters that carried the timber and the chestnuts over the hills to be sold. He did very well from trees, and when his son was born, the mother said, "We could call him Chestnut, or Oak, maybe?" But the father said, "Diamond," diamond being in his estimation the one thing more precious than gold.. "You must find the Red Mother," he said, the day after that. They were sitting side by side again outside the barracks. The autumn sun was warm. The wizard had taken off his conical hat, and his thick grey hair flowed loose about his face. "I know you found that little patch for them to dig, but there's no more in that than a few drops. It's scarcely worth burning for so little. If you are to help me, and if I am to teach you, you must try a little harder. I think you know how." He smiled at Otter. "Don't you?"..down..ducked down frantically, but felt the cool fire tingle in her hair as it passed over her. The..his head and trailed after him..A few times, sitting on the waterstairs, the dirty harbor water sloshing at the next step down, the yells of gulls and dockworkers wreathing the air with a thin, ungainly music, he shut his eyes and saw his love so clear, so close, that he reached out his hand to touch her. If he reached out his hand in his mind only, as when he played the mental harp, then indeed he touched her. He felt her hand in his, and her cheek, warm-cool, silken-gritty, lay against his mouth. In his mind he spoke to her, and in his mind she answered, her voice, her husky voice saying his name, "Diamond ....".eyes? Surprise? Admiration? Fear?.Heru, the Queen Mother, gave the emissary the arm ring Morred gave Elfarran; her consort Aimal had given it to her when they married. It had come down through the generations of the descendants of Serriadh, and was their most precious possession. On it was carved a figure written nowhere else, the Bond Rune or Rune of Peace, believed to be a guarantee of peaceful and righteous rule. "Let the Kargish king wear Morred's ring," the Queen Mother said. So, bringing it as the most generous of gifts and in pledge of peaceful intent, Erreth-Akbe went alone to the City of the Kings on Karego-At..can take him. He had seen our lord and the young king there, in that country across the wall of..raging, he ordered Gift to kick the shorsher out the housh, right away, kick 'im out. Then he..OTTER WAS THE SON of a boatwright who worked in the shipyards of Havnor Great Port. His mother..the old men and women would read aloud in a hall down by the wharf where the fisherwomen made and."I'll be going to Easthill with Sul's mules.".. "The art begins and ends in naming," he said, which indeed is true, although there may be a good..this infernal station, to be under the naked sky, in the open air, to see the stars, feel the wind.. "Oh, it's no good, I know it's no good. Nothing's any good with a drunkard," she said. She wiped her eyes with her apron. "Was that what broke you," she said, "the drink?"..A few times, sitting on the waterstairs, the dirty harbor water sloshing at the next step down..,a lioness, who shouldered him aside. There was a rumbling in his throat, a purr, not a roar. The.. "That's a formality. We senior sorcerers may carry a staff when we're on Roke's business. Which I..In return he told Veil and Ember about the mines of Samory, and the wizard Gelluk, and Anieb

the. The tall woman smiled a little. "My sister has never taught a man before" she said. She glanced at stampeding cattle, setting fires, and destroying farms all through the western isles. Somewhere, them, that they did not want to talk to him. He was afraid of doing wrong to them.. With you there to vouch for me - to say even if I am a woman, I have some gift - and I'd promise

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